

**Remarks:**

1. This amendment has been made to cancel all existing claims except the amended Claim 1 as filed on: 09/16/2006.
2. The amended Claim 1 as filed on 9/16/2006 is still amended in this amendment to be a Jepson-style format to concentrate the claiming characteristic feature as under the “heading” of “the improvement which comprises:”
3. By the way, the characteristic features of this application will be more clear, especially as shown in Fig. 2 as originally filed. The aperture (A) between every two neighboring tubes will help smooth sliding of the shaft tubes by the aid of the engagement of the two neighboring reinforced ribs (10) as characterized in this amended Claim 1.
4. The cited German prior art, especially illustrated in their Figs. 8, 9 (DE 29618431) does not teach the aperture (or space) “A” as taught by this application.
5. The cited prior art of US 6,016,822, especially as shown in their Fig. 15, disclosed a space between a concave recess and a convex portion of two neighboring shaft tubes. However, such a space is a big “air chamber”, rather than the aperture (A) as taught by this application. How can such a prior art be made as slim as possibly when made as plural telescopic shaft tubes to be a shortened multiple-fold umbrella as taught by this application (due to such a big “space”)?
6. The Claim 1 objection, the wording “the curvature radii” is amended to be a plurality of curvature radii since they are plural,

rather than a single "a". However, the Examiner is cordially requested to further amend it voluntarily, if there is a more proper wording.

7. Accordingly, this application is now thought to be placed in condition of allowance. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully expected.
8. For quicker response, this amendment is directly airmailed to PTO by Express airmail. A Notice of Change of Address and Revocation of Powder is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted

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